

**AVAPL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING CALL**  
**JULY 16, 2015 (3:00 PM ET) 1-800-767-1750 x75493**

**Attendance:** Dr. John McQuaid, Dr. Tom Kirchberg, Dr. Steven Lovett, Dr. Monica Cortez-Garland, Dr. Mary Beth Shea, Dr. Ronald Gironda

**Review of minutes:**

- A. June minutes were approved by the committee to be posted
- B. Midwinter minutes were provided to the committee for final review before posting

**Treasurer's Report**

- A. Conference Account: \$27,915.66
- B. Membership Account: \$60,746.82
- C. There was a net loss of \$140.23 for the conference this year

**Old Business**

- A. APA conference planning
  - a. VA travel restrictions continue to negatively impact members and Executive Committee members from attending the international conference. Two members of the Executive Committee have verified that they cannot attend.
  - b. The Business meeting will be held at the Intercontinental Toronto Center Hotel on **Friday August 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 – 9:50am**. Dr. Shea is working on setup for a non-VA conference call to be open during the meeting. Once in Toronto, Dr. Cortez-Garland will investigate cell phone reception in the meeting room. Details of the call will be sent to the membership through the listserv.
  - c. Dates for AVAPL social events at the APA conference continue to be discussed and those details will be sent out to the membership as they are finalized.
  - d. Award recipients have been selected and will be presented at the APA conference.
- B. C&P Workgroup
  - a. Dr. Kirchberg discussed that the group continues to discuss important topics including concerns related to the variable time allotments to complete the exams and the possibility of lawsuits against psychologists (this is of concern broader than C&P as well).
- C. Title 38 White paper
  - a. Dr. Shea has provided a draft copy to the Executive Committee which is under review prior to then sending it to Dr. Heather O'Beirne Kelly within APA (who is our congressional liaison).

**New Business**

- A. APA Hoffman report
  - a. The Executive Committee discussed the recent release of the report and its impact on psychology as a profession. There was discussion of the need to stay abreast of upcoming discussions and steps by APA. Some comments on the listserv have already occurred including by Dr. Lovett. Dr. McQuaid will draft a message to be sent to the AVAPL listserv.
  - b. The Committee also discussed the key role that Dr. Kelly plays in the relationship that AVAPL has with APA and Congress during meetings at Midwinter. She has done a superb job and this was communicated to APA recently.

**Next Meeting Call – AUGUST 20, 2015 (3:00 PM ET) 1-800-767-1750 x75493**

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Secretary